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SUBJECT : W/W: (WADE,GEORGE)

REF: DEPARTMENT'S OMS OF NOVEMBER 27,1974

1. FOLLOWING IS CHRONOLOGY OF OUR PROTESTS ON ALLEGES BEATINGS
OF WADE AND OTHERS:

MARCH 28 - PROTEST SENT TO STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

APRIL 10 - FOLLOW-UP LETTER TO STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

APRIL 29 - LETTER TO GOVERNOR ADVISING NO REPLY FROM ATTY. GENERAL

MAY 2 - REPLY RECEIVED FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL REJECTING ALLEGA-
TIONS OF TORTURE AS FALSE.

MAY 17 - LETTER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL ENCLOSING COPY OF MEDICAL
REPORT ON WADE SAYING THAT REPORT ESTABLISHED HE HAD
BEEN PHYSICALLY ABUSED.

JUNE 20 - FOLLOW-UP TO ATTORNEY GENERAL

JULY 2 - LETTER SENT TO LT. GOVERNOR ENCLOSING COPIES OF LETTERS
TO ATTORNEY GENERAL AND ADVISING NO REPLY RECEIVED.

JULY 4 - LETTER RECEIVED FROM LT. GOVERNOR ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT
OF ABOVE.

JULY 4 - LETTER SENT TO LT. GOVERNOR ON ALLEGED BEATING OF
JAMES ALLEN BUTTS WHO SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED - AND
ASKING AGAIN FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED
TORTURE OF WADE AND OTHERS.

JULY 9 - LETTER RECEIVED FROM LT. GOVERNOR ACKNOWLEDGING
RECEIPT OF JULY 4 LETTER.

JULY 25 - FOLLOW-UP SENT TO LT. GOVERNOR

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JULY 29 - REPLY FROM LT. GOVERNOR SAYING THAT HE HAD ASKED

FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY ATTORNEY GENERAL.

2. FOREGOING SEQUENCE OF EXCHANGES INCLUDED TALKS WITH LT. GOVERNOR AND ATTY. GENERAL. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING AND FACT THAT TORTURE ALREADY DENIED BELIEVE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO DENY BEATINGS AND TORTURE AND CONSIDER ANOTHER PROTEST EQUIVALENT TO BEATING A DEAD HORSE. HOWEVER ANOTHER LETTER SENT TO LT. GOVERNOR TODAY BUT IN VIEW OF HOLIDAY SEASON NO IMMEDIATE RESPONSE EXPECTED.

3. WITH REGARD TO DIANE WADE'S LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 13 TO FISK ALLEGING PRISONERS STILL BEING BEATEN AND TORTURED WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT TO BE TRUE. DIRECTOR OF PENITENTIARY EMPHATICALLY DENIES IT AND UNABLE TO ESTABLISH OTHERWISE. MRS. WADE CALLED ON CONSULATE OCT. 22 FOR ASSISTANCE IN VISITING HUSBAND ON NON-VISITING DAY WHICH WAS PROVIDED. AT THAT TIME SHE HAD NO COMPLAINTS AND WADE REMAINS IN NEW PENITENTIARY.

4. ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENSE ARE DELIBERATELY GOING SLOW IN PREPARING DEFENSE IN ORDER TO LET PUBLIC AND OFFICIAL SENTIMENT ON BURNING OF AND DEATHS AT OLD PENITENTIARY DIE DOWN. TRIAL WILL PROBABLY NOT TAKE PLACE FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS OR MORE. WE INTEND TO TRY TO HAVE COURT ACCEPT AS PART OF THE EVIDENCE FOR THE DEFENSE OUR PROTESTS ON ALLEGED BEATINGS AND FORCED CONFESSIONS. CONGRESSMEN FASCELL AND SISK INTERESTED. STELLMACHER

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